

1. From its fruits, Matt. 7: 16-20.
  2. From its history, Acts 5: 38.
  3. From its mission in answer to a need. Matt. 7: 7, 8.
- Why are truth and right bound to prevail at last?  
 Why is the church enduring?  
 Why has the Bible endured above all other books?  
 How is a thing to be judged as to whether it will endure or not?  
 What are some elements of weakness in the young peoples' movement?  
 What advantages are there in co operating with the C. E. movement?  
 What disadvantages are there in co operating with the C. E. movement?  
 What have been some of the results of young peoples' work in the Brethren church?  
 What do you think is the mission of the young peoples' society?  
 How may we increase the usefulness of our young peoples' societies? C. F. YODER.

## SERMON ECHOES

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A praying heart is devil proof.

Prayer is not duty. It is man's greatest privilege.

Some people would rather seem to be good than to be so.

Comprehension is the boundary line of a fool's faith.

A man is neither higher nor lower than his motives.

The devil is satisfied with the man who is satisfied with himself.

A man may be up to the existing standard of religion in his community, and yet be ungodly.

He is a mean scamp who will smoke and chew and spit, and deny his wife the same privilege.

Many men who profess intense hatred toward hypocrites are preparing to spend all eternity with them.

It is a cruel world that kicks out with a curse the fallen woman, and then locks arms with the wretches who sank her down into the grave of shame.

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## Wanted—A Leader

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No thoughtful person ever read the account of the call of the apostles who was not struck with the readiness with which those men followed Jesus. They accepted his invitation without the slightest hesitation. I wonder why they were so quick to follow him? I think at least three reasons can be given why those men were so ready to accept Christ's leadership. First, there is an instinct in our human nature which prompts us to follow a leader. We are all sheep in more senses than one. We are quick to go where another leads the way. Herein is the po-

tency of example. We all are naturally inclined to be copyists. We imitate easily. We are quick to do what we see others do. Second, there are some men so constituted that we say of them, "They are born to lead." They possess the dominant qualities. They naturally assume to lead off. They seem born to the purple. The rest of their fellows are keen to perceive their regal quality, are quick to recognize them as masters, and are ready to follow where they lead. Let but some strong-willed man leap to the front and call for followers, no matter how foolish his mission, and he will have men at his heels. Third, in the case of the apostles, it may be said of them that they were alert in their expectancy of the promised Messiah. Believing that the hour had struck, they were swift to follow him who seemed to offer in his person the evidence of his Messiahship.

If ever the people of God needed a wise leader, it was in those very beginning days, when God's children were scattered, as sheep without a shepherd. They needed some master mind to shape their course. How quickly they flocked to John the Baptist! He rightly directed them to the true Master, in whom they quickly beheld their rightful King.

Human nature is the same in all ages. Men are to-day as they were in apostolic days. They need a leader and are always ready to follow one. Every cause, good or bad, can only prosper as some master will direct its interests. Hence the success of any good work depends upon the character of its leadership. To bear such responsibility is not always desirable. There are times when it is much easier to follow than to lead. But God, to day, as ever, needs leaders in his progressive and conquering army. A dying church needs a live leader, with faith, hope and courage. A waning class meeting needs a consecrated, tactful, and untiring leader. A disintegrating Sunday school needs a live, enthusiastic, wise, and inspiring superintendent; and every Sunday school class needs a persistent, patient, tireless, dominant-willed teacher to rally the pupils and increase their number.

The noblest leadership of the age is of that sort that lays hold of the young life of a community and dominates it for the best living according to the highest ethical ideals. He who teaches young life is sure to mold it for all time. The great artist only gives his precious time to the clay model; with his own deft fingers he works in the friable clay. A crude workman can be trusted with mallet and chisel and compasses to work in the brittle marble. The mere stonemason is a copyist; the artist who molds the clay is the true master. Childhood is but humanity in the clay. Master artist indeed is that Sunday school teacher who knows how to mold that humanity into such perfection of character that the perfect Man shall see in it a likeness to himself. Wanted—leaders of our youth, in home, school and church, who possess such Christly likeness that followers will track them as the first disciples did our Lord.

## The Christian Life

## Be Not Weary

Yes, He knows the way is dreary,  
 Knows the weakness of our frame;  
 Knows that hand and heart are weary;  
 He "in all points" felt the same.  
 He is near to help and bless;  
 Be not weary, onward press.

Look to Him who once was willing  
 All His glory to resign,  
 That for thee the law fulfilling,  
 All His merits might be Thine.  
 Strive to follow day by day  
 Where His footsteps mark the way.

Look to Him, the Lord of glory,  
 Tasting death to win thy life;  
 Gazing on that "wondrous story,"  
 Canst thou falter in the strife?  
 Is it not new life to know  
 That the Lord hath loved thee so?

Look to Him who ever liveth,  
 Interceding for His own;  
 Seek, yea, claim, the grace He giveth  
 Freely from His priestly throne.  
 Will He not thy strength renew  
 With His Spirit's quickening dew?

Look to Him, and faith shall brighten,  
 Hope shall soar, and love shall burn;  
 Peace once more thy heart shall lighten;  
 Rise! He calleth thee; return!  
 Be not weary on thy way;  
 Jesus is thy strength and stay.

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

## PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

"HEAVEN,—ITS INHABITANTS."—Continued

5. Shown by, the fact that Christ said that his servants should be with him. John 12: 26.
6. The fact that Christ went to prepare a place for his disciples. John 14: 23.
7. Christ's prayer to God for the disciples. John 17: 22.
8. Paul's words to (a) the Corinthians, II Cor. 5: 1, (b) to the Colossians, Col. 1: 5, (c) to the Hebrews, Heb. 10: 34.
9. Peter's words. I Peter 1: 3-5.
10. Christ's words to St. John. Rev. 3: 21.
11. What John saw in heaven. Rev. 7: 9.
12. The fact that Elijah was translated to heaven. II Kings 2: 1 and 11.
13. The fact that Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus. Luke 9: 30.
- d. Heaven is the abode of the angels. Mark 13: 32; Matt. 22: 30; Luke 2: 15.

## II Remarks.

1. Certainly there is no lack of evidence that there is such a place as heaven and that God, Jesus Christ, the angels and the dead Christians are its inhabitants.
2. A careful study of these Scriptures ought to convince any candid mind that all the talk about there being no heaven has no support in the Bible.
3. Let us let the Scripture have its way with us rather than the vain conceits of men.

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## THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD

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"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and the High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." Heb. 3: 1.

When one compares the church registers with those who regularly attend all the services of the church; when one compares the number of *professing* Christian with the number of *possessing* Christians; when one observes how few make the evangelization of the world and the salvation of souls the pri-